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■ Newark Gets Incentive Grant: The Mayor's Office of Employment and Training (MOET) announced that the agency has received an incentive grant worth over \$200,000 from the New Jersey Department of Labor. MOET director, Michelle Ralph-Taylor said that her office was recognized for its exemplary performance during the 1990-91 program year in administering programs funded by the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA). MOET received the largest allocation as a result of particularly serving "hard-to-serve" groups. — NEWARK

■ Minority Youth at Risk for CVD: Approximately 4.6 million African American children have blood cholesterol levels that may place them at risk for developing cardiovascular diseases (CVD), according to the 1992 edition of "Heart and Stroke Facts." An estimated 40 percent of black males and 50 percent of black females aged 9-19 years have blood cholesterol levels of 170 milligrams per deciliter. Of black children aged 10-19 years, 34 percent of males and 41 percent of females also have cholesterol levels in this range. The study also says that blacks experience their initial heart attack at an age about five years younger than whites and the death rates for heart disease are disproportionately higher in blacks than whites. — DALLAS, TX

■ Halt, Genocide in South Africa: Apartheid is a crime to humanity and a rife in South Africa. The stage for violence and genocide is set as leaders of the African National Congress are assassinating leaders of the Inkatha Freedom Party and Inkatha is doing the same to the ANC. A reign of terror is prevailing in every black ghetto in the heartland of the Zulu nation. This has also led to poverty, disease, and famine as President F.W. de Klerk, and other great world democracies stand by the sidelines watching. They are being called upon now to make a difference. — SOUTH AFRICA

Irvington public hearing

IRVINGTON — The Township of Irvington will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 1000 Route 1. The purpose of the hearing will be to review prior program progress, consider amendments to prior programs, and proposals for a Community Development Plan for the Township. The program to be considered is a Community Development program wherein approximately \$1.3 million in federal funds will be requested for activities designed to meet the primary objectives of the development of viable urban communities, decent housing, and suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low or moderate income.

In addition, the Township will be holding a hearing to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties on the housing needs of the Township. Comments are welcome and will be considered by the Township's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy to be submitted to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

For further information contact the Office of Community Development at 201-399-6657 or the Division of Housing Rehabilitation at 201-399-6669.

Betty Shabazz, Amiri Baraka, James Cone discuss methodologies of Malcolm and Martin

by Gerri Dillon

Working together for the future

NEWARK — Notwithstanding the rain, an audience of over 700 people of all ages packed the Newark Public Library to listen and understand the legacy of two major African American leaders of the 1960's: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X.

This program, moderated by Gus Henningsburg, was sponsored by the Newark Public Library, Aljira: A Center for Contemporary Art, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission on March 7.

Both civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and human rights leader Malcolm X, left a philosophical base that is mandatory for African Americans to obtain and human dignity, remarked panelists involved in the forum.

"We must work together in the future. We must move to still be gate keepers. We can debate Malcolm and all day. But we have a responsibility to our children. What good is your life if you cannot leave something better for your children," commented Dr. Betty Shabazz, widow of Malcolm X and director of communications and public relations at Medgar Evers College, New York.



(From left to right) Amiri Baraka, Dr. James H. Cone, Dr. Betty Shabazz. Photo by Emile Dillon, Jr.

Dr. Shabazz joined fellow panelists, poet-playwright Amiri Baraka and James H. Cone, professor at Union Theological Seminary in New

York City, in a discussion entitled "Martin, Malcolm and the Legacy of America's Civil Rights Leadership."

Cone, author of the book "Martin & Malcolm & America: A Dream

romanticize or denigrate them but see them as human beings. Neither can be fully appreciated without studying the other," he said.

Cone further contended that both Dr. King and El-Haji Malik El-Shabazz were fighting for the same goals through different methods. The goal was freedom which means black people being firm in their identity. He argued that the approaches of these men were directly related to the regions in which they were raised. Dr. King influenced the South of the 40's and 50's with the blatant segregation and Jim Crow laws; Malcolm X by the North.

Amiri Baraka, too, agreed that both men must be studied in order to fully appreciate their impact on America. But that "We must see them in the tradition of our African American History. One (Martin) struggled for democracy and the other (Malcolm) struggled for self-determination. Both part of the united front of the struggle of the African American."

Baraka, an African Studies professor at the State University of New York Stony Brook, further argued there is a difference between (continued on page 6)

More taxpayers' money expended for police defense

Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD — Two resolutions, which would authorize the City of Plainfield to pay \$6,000 in legal expenses, for yet another police related lawsuit will be up for a vote at the City Council's next regular meeting on March 16th.

The resolutions will make \$3,000 available each for the defense of the City's Director of Public Safety, Leon Adams and Police Chief John Waldron. The City and Union County are facing a lawsuit filed by Dorothy Mae Woods, mother of Tantis Woods who was allegedly shot by police officer Kevin Egbert two years ago.

In the early morning hours of March 23, 1990, Tantis Woods, then 23-years-old, was reportedly pursued by officer Egbert, then a 2-year veteran of the force on foot, while his partner, former Plainfield officer Michael Waldron waited in the patrol car. According to reports, Egbert chased Woods into an outdoor stairwell located in the rear of a housing development on West Second Street. The complaint says that Egbert had his weapon drawn and cocked, while Woods lay face down on the ground pleading with the officer not to shoot him. According to the complaint "the gun went off, blowing a hole in Wood's

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Churches discuss action to improve urban schools

NEWARK — Emmanuel Church of Christ, 54 Irvine Turner Blvd., will host a two-day Church Conference on Public Schools for members of church congregations, parents, teachers, and principals on Friday, March 17th & Saturday, March 28th to begin developing a plan outlining what churches can do to make a difference in local public schools.

Any parent, citizen or church or temple member concerned about school/church cooperation is invited to attend. Churches are encouraged to send at least three delegates from their congregation. The dinner on Friday evening will cost \$5.00 and registration for Saturday morning is \$3.00. Advance registration is suggested. For information please call 201-481-6650.

The two day conference will begin Friday evening, March 27th at 6:30 p.m. with dinner. Presentations and discussion will focus on current conditions and problems in schools serving minority children and the frustrations experienced in current church sponsored school improvement efforts.

The following morning at 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon, participants will concentrate on solutions and develop practical strategies that churches can implement at local schools to support teachers and students. Working with parents in the home, parent training, after-school programs, private schools, PTA's, school policies, curriculum and student/teacher working conditions are among the areas to be considered as participants

put together the elements of a plan for unified church action.

"Too many young people are graduating from urban high schools without the knowledge, skills or ability to earn a decent living, said Stephen Jones director of the Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry, "Half are not graduating at all. While many churches are already operating programs to help students, overall achievement test scores and school drop out rates remain stubbornly unchanged. To save our children churches must do more."

This Church Conference on Public Schools is being convened by Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry for churches to examine what is being done already and seek a coordinated strategy that will lead to greater improvement in local public schools.

"The conference is for church members and parents in Newark and surrounding urban school districts in Essex County (East Orange, Irvington, Montclair and Orange) serving minority students. Representatives from different districts with similar problems are being invited to insure that the discussion does not focus on any one district's

problems and that a broad range of experiences are considered in developing the plan.

Low test scores, high drop out rates, and other indicators of poor school performance are not unique to Newark, but are common problems in urban schools. Whatever plan is developed must be relevant

and flexible enough to be implemented by churches in other urban districts," Jones said.

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Women's History Month Feature Harlem Princess: History full of trials and triumphs

by Larry Still

Part Two

After Ruth graduated from FAMU and received a Master of Business Administration degree from New York University, she was selected by the National Urban League and secured a job as the "first" black secretary in the Philip Morris Co., a major "Fortune 500" firm. She was later chosen for positions in her hometown. "You would have thought I was being made vice-president," she said in recalling her first appointment "to break job color barriers."

"Her turbulent career in government, which took her from service as the District of Columbia government Human Relations Commission director and later the Montgomery County (Maryland) Public Schools Director of Human Relations to the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the highest ranking woman in the agency, made her a respected national authority in the field of Human Relations as she helped to

knock down barriers for others," Payne explains.

Armed with her educational preparation, experience, personality, contacts, courage and fortitude, she eventually became a top national authority in other fields including Equal Employment Opportunity, Multiculturalism, Civil Rights and Police Community Relations. She has received over 100 awards, congressional citations, and keys to the cities while serving in five Presidential administrations (John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, and Ronald Reagan).

When the outstanding expert was suddenly fired from her position at NASA as Deputy Assistant Administrator for retraining and counseling demands for the placement of Blacks, Hispanics, and women as astronauts and other positions in the national space program, hundreds of organizations and individuals expressed their support for her cause. After three congressional hearings, she was rehired by NASA Administrator Dr. James Fletcher as the Deputy Assistant Administrator of Public Affairs (for Community and Human Relations).

the voice of black America in our continuing struggle and fight for freedom and justice."

Bogle said in connection with March also being Women in History Month, "Newark will pay tribute to Ida B. Wells, an anti-lynching crusader who published the Free Speech newspaper and worked closely with Frederick Douglass, along with current NNPWA women editors and publishers."

At a Black Press Week Luncheon on Friday March 13, at the National Press Building, D.C. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton served as the main speaker. A special ceremony honoring NNPWA women editors and publishers was a feature of the luncheon.

Other activities included White House and congressional briefings, a Media Roundtable, and a reception for corporate and government officials.

another first for her and NASA. Both positions were even higher than the rank of Astronaut. Mrs. Harris resigned two years later to seek isolation and consider life following the desperate turn of events she suffered from many years.

Despite her trials and triumphs, the author and lecturer now likes to tell her listeners and readers about the times she sold lemonade for ten cents a glass in front of her Harlem home and would pretend she did not have to change as customers would let her keep the dollar fifty cents. She sadly remembers the time she shipped books from the campus library and sold them at WVA State when she had overspent her allowance. When she was suspended, her father later transferred her to FAMU where she could be near his hometown of Fernandina, Florida. Although she had remained in the fifth grade, she graduated three times because she could not master arithmetic, she became a FAMU campus leader and graduate with honors.

Mrs. McKenzie has written a (continued on page 2)

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Washington Rock scouts honored

WESTFIELD — The National Safety Council has awarded Washington Rock-Girl Scout Council with a plaque for implementation of a home prevention program conducted in elementary schools.

Priscilla Howard, field director at Washington Rock and a resident of Plainfield, is shown here with the plaque she received for initiating the program. Although originally intended for Girl Scouts as a troop activity after school, Mrs. Howard brought the program to elementary schools in Elizabeth, Hillsdale, Linden, and Plainfield. To date, more than 300 boys and girls have been presented the program which includes a film, demonstrations, role-playing, and discussions of potential problems and emergencies facing the child who is home alone.



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Two new O'Jays?



NEW ORLEANS — No black stabbers here as House of Seagrim executive Clyde Allen (2nd from left) and his wife Gail celebrate Martin Gras with the popular singing group, the O'Jays. Group members from left to right are: Sammy Strain; Eddie Levent, and Walter Williams.

Women's History Month Feature Harlem Princess

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tender, startlingly frank narrative which stuns readers with its honesty and freshness as she graciously leads them from her first love and loss of innocence through the accomplishments of the Tuskegee Airmen, the space program, civil rights, EEO, human rights and multi-cultural relationships.

The former "play princess" provides readers and audiences an intimate close-up of her four marriages as she proudly introduces Alfred McKenzies as her current and final Prince Charming. "He's the slave. That's it. He chased me, until I finally caught him," she told the Black Women of Distinction Exhibit audience recently in a program sponsored by BISA (Black Women For Sisterhood in Action) at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library in the District.

She was the recipient of many tributes recently in an old-fashioned manner dubbed "An Evening with the Harlem Princess," cohosted by the United Black Fund President, Dr. Calvin Rolark and the University of the District of Columbia Journalism Program. She was a special guest with her husband at a Balti-

more-Washington International Airport ceremony where they were both part of a Blacks in Aviation exhibit. In addition to speaking at numerous schools and colleges, the McKenzies appear at many government agency Black History Month programs including the recent Department of Interior ceremony sponsored by Blacks in Government.

Mrs. McKenzie was also honored by the Tuskegee Airmen as an "Equal Opportunity Pioneer" for her self sacrifice and sage leadership in her life-time of service. As an honorary member, she was scheduled to speak later in February to the Iota Phi Lambda professional women's sorority in Rockville, Maryland. When she was once cited as a "role model," the regal, 72-year-old matron told a group of students "I don't know if I qualify to hold such an important title...I have made many mistakes and failed many times, but I have proven that you can fail in many ways and still be a success in life...one can fail many times without being a failure."

Next week, Ruth's roots and a certain Tuskegee experiment.

Personals

Personals are a free service of City News.

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Full figured, female companion desired by SBM. Send reply to P.O. Box 1686, Newark, NJ. 08103. Please include photo and phone number.

Businessman seeks attractive models for private figure photo sessions. Pictures/phone number to Key West, P.O. Box 7162, Waukegan, NJ 07069.

DBM, 49, employed, educated, honest, seeks 5'0" F, 35-45, shapely, plump, under 55", P.O. Box 834, Irvington, NJ. 07111.

SBF, 42, mother with male child seeks serious individual, 39-50 who loves music, books, children. See you in my dreams. Send inquiries to P.O. Box 20511, Newark, NJ. 07101.

SBF, 43, seeks serious companion 35-45. I'm a baloney chooser with a red umbrella. Let's tip the light fantastic. Please include phone number, P.O. Box 20511, Newark, NJ. 07101-6151.

SBM, 39, seeks female for friendship, dates, late night conversations. If you're looking for a real man contact me! Send letters to P.O. Box 20334, Newark, NJ. 07101.

To a woman of color (black or Hispanic) 20-32, black/male professional, 28, 5'5" in good shape, looking for that special someone to create some moments that perhaps can become a truly significant relationship. Please send telephone number and photo to T.O. P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07061

Full figured SBF, 5'10", attractive, G-strings, tan, seeks independent, intelligent, down-to-earth SBM who is interested in a monogamous relationship. Send short note with phone number to DJ, P.O. Box 1334, Newark, NJ 07101.

SBF, 40, young, serious, never married, no children, no diseases and no nasty habits. I am seeking a serious black male, between 40 and 50 who is secure, likes jazz, the outdoors, church, etc. Only the ultra secure, grades super-polymath, husband, gorgeous bride. All desires welcome to my home. (photo/letter) to MJS P.O. Box 1599, Atlantic City, NJ 08404.

Universal SBM, Dearest Love, I'm pretty Debonair 38, 6'3", 170 lbs., (Billy Dee's complexion-temperament) with shoulder length hair. "Works over time." I desire an ultra secure, grades super-polymath, husband, gorgeous bride. All desires welcome to my home. (photo/letter) to MJS P.O. Box 1599, Atlantic City, NJ 08404.

SBM 38, employed, seeks full-figured, serious SBF 38-40, children OK. Please send telephone number and photo to P.O. Box 22393, Newark, NJ. 07101.

You are a tall black man looking for a tall black woman? If so, here I am! DMB, 38, good looking, with a sparkling personality, seeking that extra special someone who is sincere, honest, and intelligent. Send letters to P.O. Box 58, Irvington, NJ.

SBM, 33, 5'9" 160 lbs., seeks educated individual who will be able to talk about any subject. Must be interested in monogamous relationship. Send me a short note with phone number to P.O. Box 4176, East Orange, NJ. 07017.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

PLAINFIELD — The Family Support Group of the Association of Retarded Citizens of Essex County at 10:30 a.m. at the ARC administration offices at 1225 Ash Avenue. For more information call 508-754-5910.

MADISON — Dr. Elena J. Ciccioli will discuss "Teaching Chemistry in Zimbabwe," at noon in the Sullivan Lounge of Fairleigh Dickinson University.

PLAINFIELD — "As Parents Grow Older," seminars for caregivers of older relatives will be given at the Plainsboro Senior Citizens Center from 9:30 to 8:30 p.m., on consecutive Wednesdays. For more information call 908-753-3508.

WESTFIELD — (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA, 200 Clark Street. The discussion topic will be "Managing Change: Parenting in the Nineties." For more information call 908-754-3574.

PLAINFIELD — Plainfield Public Library will present Martin Howard on "Influence of African American Women in Art," at 7 p.m.

JERSEY CITY — "Women and Violence" will be the subject of a special Jersey City State College forum at 11 a.m. in the Michael Higgins Student Union Building, 2039 Kennedy Boulevard. For more information call 201-300-3251.

JERSEY CITY — "Miller's Crossing" will be the featured film at 1 p.m. in the Five Corners Branch of the Jersey City Public Library.

WAYNE — "Bereavement Counseling for Professionals: Helping Those Who Serve in School and Community" will be held at William Paterson College from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call 201-595-2435.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

JERSEY CITY — "Once in Paris" will be shown at 11 a.m. at the Patricia Branch of the Jersey City Public Library, located at 326 8th Street.

TEANECK — "Jazz and Poetry of New York" will be performed by the Connie Henry Trio. Also, readings by Jeanette Curtis and Zaid Muhammad will take place at 8 p.m. at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Maccartelli Hall at 1000 River Road. For more information call 201-837-8003.

JERSEY CITY — Claudia Zurita will conduct a workshop on "Reducing Teacher Burnout and Student Dropout," from 4-6 p.m. at Jersey City State College. For more information call 201-300-3084.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The book, "The Woman Warrior by Maxine Hong Kingston," will be discussed by the Ministry Literature Club of New Brunswick at 7 p.m. at the New Brunswick Free Public Library on Livingston Avenue. For more information call Treva Riley at 908-220-1994.

MADISON — Dr. Arno Liberman will host a seminar entitled "Slaves of Africa: A Personal Experience," in the Hartman Lecture of Fairleigh Dickinson University at 12:30 p.m. Also, Dr. Barbara Hampton will discuss "Identities: Case Histories in the Arts and Performance," in Lentell Hall at 8 p.m.



Mayor Robert L. Brown swears in Donald Page as the new Orange Councilman. Photo by Gail Dine, Jr.



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PLAINFIELD — Plainfield Public Library will host a film program at 4:00 p.m. and the Library Board of Trustees meeting at 7:00 p.m.

NORTH PLAINFIELD — The Holy Episcopal Church will hold its next blood drive from 9 to 11 a.m. at the church located on the corner of Grove and Mercer avenues. For more information call Terry at 908-494-1117.

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. at the Plainfield High School Conference Room. The Board will meet on March 24 and March 26 in the same location.

CRANFORD — "Go to Health," an annual youth health awareness conference will be held at Union County College. For more information call 908-233-9810.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

NEWARK — "Invitation: A Celebration of Women Artists in New Jersey Colleges" will be an display at Robeson Center Gallery at Rutgers University. For more information call 201-647-3426.

MONTCLAIR — "A Single Vision," a singles support group speaker, Gene Flaherty will be on display at "Committed or Leaving Him?" at Montclair University. Call 745-8417.

EAST ORANGE — "To Be Young, Gifted and Black" will be shown at the Main Branch of the East Orange Public Library at 1:30 p.m. For more information call 201-286-6000.

MADISON — The Printingmaking Council of New Jersey will hold a fundraising evening at Scherling Pough corporate headquarters from 6 to 9:30 p.m. For more information call 908-725-2110.

MADISON — Mor Thiam with Les Ballet Africain will take place in the Fairleigh Dickinson Student Hall at 8 p.m.

WAYNE — Weekend workshops focusing on the use of technology in the mathematics classroom will be held at William Paterson College. "Practical Geometry" will take place through to March 21 and "Exploratory Data Analysis and prediction" will take place on April 3 and 4. For more information call 201-295-2436.

TRENTON — United Caribbean Palsy Association of New Jersey will host a Self Advocacy mini-conference at 10 a.m. at the Mercer County Library located off of Route 1 South. For more information call 908-392-4004.

WAYNE — William Paterson College will hold a workshop for teachers, and others involved with using and maintaining audio visual equipment from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call 201-695-4438.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

PLAINFIELD — Nat Lewis will show her most recent landscapes of Maine arranged along with a collection of still lifes through to April 17 at Swain Galleries. For more information call 908-756-1707.

MORRISTOWN — Spring Art Classes for children will start at the Morris County Art Association, 10 Catherine Lane. For more information call 908-267-1722.

MADISON — Dr. Adam Aguilar will address the "Human Diseases in Africa," in the

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by Dr. Charles W. Faulker

No more talk!

The essential problems that Black Americans face have nothing to do with them. The problems can be traced to 1) The perception that non-minorities have of blacks, and 2) The powerful emotional satisfaction and release of tensions that non-minorities get when they take out their frustrations on blacks.

Several simultaneous activities must take place if blacks are to be treated fairly and respectfully in America:

- 1) Absolutely allow no one to disrespect blacks and get away with it. Blacks must (a) write strong, angry letters to every radio and television station and every newspaper, telling them, in no uncertain terms, that you will no longer watch their programs or buy their newspapers if they ever again depict blacks as inferior. Refuse to patronize the sponsors that run commercials on any station that disrespects blacks.
- (b) Whenever you hear a person degrade blacks or whenever you are treated disrespectfully, confront the abuser, embarrass him/her publicly. Bring attention to the abuse.
- 2) Fight for black oriented studies in your schools. Demand black programs that represent blacks just as favorably as non-minorities are represented. Racism is not democratic, so you can adopt a "The means justify the end" (freedom, justice and equality)" philosophy.
- 3) Demand that every radio and TV station, and every newspaper participate in seminars that tell the truth about the multitudinous historical contributions of blacks. Participate in seminars that give you a feeling about yourself.
- 4) Demand that every political representative, black or non-minority, gives you a plan now that tells you in specific detail what they will do — in practical terms to improve the condition of black people. The plan need not be monstrously large one. It should, however, be one that produces results right away, even if the results are small. Dump them if you don't get it.
- 5) Begin to make plans now for a national black day off. Every minority must be prepared to take a day off from work — the same day for everyone — as a protest against racial disrespect. This individually small, but nationally large action will show the nation and the world how valuable blacks are to the functioning of this country.
- 6) Communities should organize for the same kinds of civil disobedience that brought about major civil rights progress in the 1950s. (That progress has been basically eradicated.)
- 7) Show this country a friend. Kick, scream, holler, organize, organize, organize until blacks are treated with respect.

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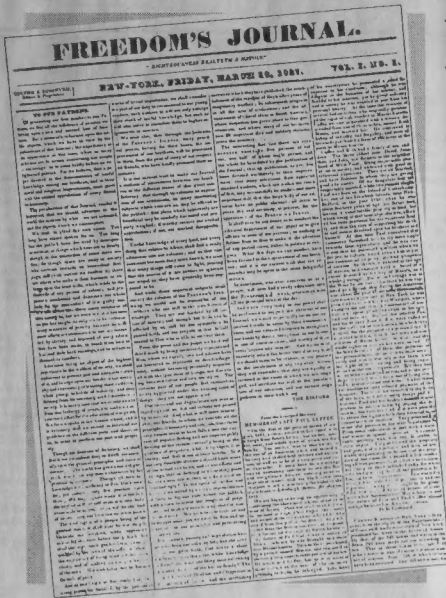
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We as a people must put a stop to this now — before it is too late. Wake up Brothers and Sisters, because White America doesn't give a damn.

Zarinah V. Knight is a 15-year-old student at St. Vincent's Academy in Newark.

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An attack of the words: The Storytelling Project

NEWARK — Words, descriptive words, big words, little words, action words are linking into phrases and zooming through the City of Newark. All of those phrases are coming together to form stories. Fables, folk tales, tall tales, and short stories are being heard, shown, developed, written and presented by fourth grade students from throughout the Newark Public School System. The students in Newark are improving their language arts skills while learning the art form of storytelling.

Newark Symphony Hall has spearheaded "The Storytelling

Project" that unites storytellers, students and teachers in a district-wide creative collaborative funded in part by the Newark Board of Education, Amelior Foundation, and The New Jersey State Council on the Arts. The project imagines the art of storytelling into the 4th grade language arts curriculum.

According to Midge Guerra, the Director of Arts Education for Newark Symphony Hall, "not only will students see storytellers as artists, but through additional experience with the artists as teachers, the students will create and present their own stories." "We have," she con-

tinued "worked with the fourth grade language arts curriculum, extrapolated applied learning objectives, and integrated those objectives into the sessions taught by the artists. That means, the students are improving basic skills through the arts."

The project has many components. First the students in targeted schools will see storytellers in performance. Then the artist will work in each selected 4th grade class for 10 weeks. Storytellers from Shoe-string Players, Educational Theatre Company Inc., New York City and New Jersey are guiding the students through the creative process. The students, on the last day of the project, will present their own original tales.

Then, on April 16th, fourth grade teachers from throughout the city are invited to attend a training seminar on the use of storytelling in the classroom. Participants will be given lesson plans and instructional aides. Private and parochial school teachers are also invited to attend. Joseph Mancuso, Director of "Shoe-string Players" and an instructor at Mason Gross School of the Arts will be a featured presenter.

Another phase of the project features the "Pushcart Players." They will visit elementary schools and present "Sauce, Soup and Other Stories." This will provide the storytelling experience to additional students.

On May the culmination of the project will be a performance of The Afro American Journey by the Stuart Sisters at Newark Symphony Hall. There will be three performances, 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 1 p.m. All performances are free to children in grades K to 4.

The Stuart Sisters through storytelling, music, dance and theatre trace the African American experience from the ancient kings and queens of Africa to contemporary experiences on these shores.

Teachers who are interested in attending the seminar or bringing their classes to see the performance of The Afro American Journey, should contact Midge Guerra at Newark Symphony Hall, 201-643-4550.

Ida B. Wells (1862-1931) Anti-lynch crusader

One cold night in March, 1892, a mob of cursing, shouting white men broke into the jail at Memphis, Tennessee, hustled three black prisoners out into an open field, and riddled them with bullets. The blacks were lynched for the crimes of being "uppity" and "too successful" in a small grocery business. Ida B. Wells, writing under the pen name "Iola," published a detailed expose on the mob and its dirty work in her newspaper, "Free Speech." The very night that her newspaper appeared with the expose, a mob invaded her offices and destroyed the printing equipment and all the copies of "Free Speech" that it could find. A determined search for Miss Wells was made, but her friends had spirited the outspoken editor away from danger.

After her press was destroyed, Miss Wells made her way to New York and joined the staff of the "New York Age," edited by T. Thomas Fortune. With the encouragement of such men as Frederick Douglass and William Monroe Trotter, Miss Wells publicized the facts of lynching. In 1895, she wrote "Red Record," the first serious statistical treatment of the tragedy of lynching. She appealed to President William McKinley for support in the fight against lynch law. She said that "nowhere in the civilized world, save in the United States, do men go out in bands of fifty to 500, to hunt down, shoot, hang, or burn to death, a single individual, unnamed and absolutely powerless."

A native of Mississippi, Ida B. Wells was orphaned at fourteen, but managed to attend Rust College and Fisk University. After a few courses at Fisk, she went to work as a school teacher. The young Miss Wells began writing about the inferior facilities of black schools around Memphis, and as a result, lost her teaching position. Freed of dependence

on the whims of others for her livelihood, she devoted all of her time to journalism and the exposure of crime and injustice.

In 1895, Miss Wells married a Chicago newspaperman, Ferdinand L. Barnett. Together, they continued their fight against injustice. Mrs. Ida B. Wells Barnett organized many civic and self-help clubs in Chicago. She was one of the six blacks who signed the initial call for the first national conference of which grew the NAACP in 1909. In 1915, she became chairman of the Chicago Equal Rights League.

Ida B. Wells in her time was perhaps the most famous black female journalist in the country. She was a correspondent for the "Democrat Plaindealer," the "Christian Index," the "People's Choice," and had written for the "New York Age," the "Indianapolis World," the "Gate City Press" (Mo.), the "Little Rock Sun," the "Memphis Watchman," the "Chattanooga Justice," and the "Fisk Herald." She was a columnist for "Our Women and Children," edited by the author of "Men of Mark," William J. Simmons. She was also a part-owner of the "Memphis Free Speech," and the "Head



Light." Twice, Miss Wells had been secretary of the Afro-American Press Association.

Writing of her in 1891, T. Thomas Fortune, the outstanding black editor of the period said, "She has become famous as one of the few of our women who handle a goose quill, with diamond point, as easily as any man in the newspaper work." Taken from L. Garland Penn, "The Afro-American Press and Its Editors" (Springfield, Mass., 1891), pp 407-410; Harry A. Piotti and Roscoe C. Brown, Jr. (eds.), "The Negro Almanac" (New York, 1967), pp 755-756.

Plainfield Pop Warner begins registration

PLAINFIELD — Plainfield Pop Warner will begin registration for the 1992 football season. Applications will be accepted for football and cheerleading for boys and girls 8-14-years-old. Also available will be flag football with cheerleaders for boys and girls ages 5, 6, and 7. Registration will take place between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on:

- April 4 Maxson School
- April 18 Hubbard School
- May 2 Grant Avenue Community Center
- May 16 Grant Avenue Community Center
- June 6 Grant Avenue Community Center
- June 20 Grant Avenue Community Center

Children are encouraged to register early. For more information call 908-753-4469 or 908-753-9281.

All girls interested in learning cheerleading techniques may sign up for the clinic and also register for the 1992 football season. Ages range from 5 to 14. Girls are encouraged to register for this clinic to get an early start in preparation for the season and also the cheerleading tournament to be held later in the year. The clinic will be held at Emerson School on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. beginning March 10 through June. For more information call 908-789-8150.

Image of women in rap: A duty to be more than booty

by Terry Benjamin

Rap is out of control, especially when it comes to the image of women. For too many rappers and rap fans, the image of today's women is a bouncing behind in a thong bikini. This is illustrated by the fact

*When I went home I kissed my girl on the cheek
But in the back of my mind was a big butt
I sat my girl down I couldn't hold it in
and said to her with a devilish grin
"Tina got a big old butt, I told you I'd be true
But Tina got a big old butt so I'm leaving you."*

Big Ole Butt

L.L. Cool J.

that for the past six months the most requested video on a popular video program, which features a 24-hour call-in cable connection, has been 2 Live Crew's "Pop that Coochie." This particular rap song is a family friendly example of rap that began with L.L. Cool J.'s 1989 hit "Big Ole Butt" from his "Walking With A Panther" LP. This "booty rap" continues with a vengeance in the brand new video for Sir Mix-A-Lot's "She Got Back" which features black women shaking their behinds in skin tight shorts and dresses. According to Sir Mix-A-Lot in a recent interview in a popular magazine, this is booty rap with a serious message.

"The song is about trying to destroy what Cosmopolitan says is beauty," Mix-A-Lot says. "Because what's beautiful to those white boys at

Cosmo is not beautiful to the average black man. I rap about topics black folks can relate to."

But just how well do black folks relate to rappers who demean black women in words and video? Take the example of Ice Cube, one of the most popular rappers on the current scene. This is how writer Yusef Salaam describes Ice Cube in concert.

*I hit the eight ball often
The earrings I wear are called dolphins
See the booty, yeah, it's kind of soft and
If you touch it you'll be livin' in a coffin
You Can't Play With My Yo Yo Yo Yo
(written and produced by Ice Cube)*

many male rappers to show how hard they can be. They fancy themselves as pimps selling rap music to get money and women. And because rap music is distributed by multi-national corporations who have no concern for the moral development of young people, very little restraint is imposed on lyrical or visual content.

The number one rule of Madison Avenue has always been that sex sells...everything. Lyrics, beats, and shock value have come together under the label of booty rap and the novelty won't wear off over night, especially when so many young people are buying into this "flava on the rap scene. This sad reality has put this music on a collision course of cultural disaster with genocidal

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PLAINFIELD — Sister Mary Roger Thibodeau will address "Parish Life - A Response to Go and Dying to Sell," at 4 p.m. in St. Mary's Rectory Meeting Room. For more information call 908-755-0085.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

PLAINFIELD — Families Trust in God, Inc., will hold planning sessions on the 24th and 31 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information call 908-688-1102.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

PLAINFIELD — Habitat for Humanity, Greater Plainfield, will hold an open house from 2 to 3 p.m. at their newly completed house at 410 East 8th Street followed by a Dedication Service from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Bethel Presbyterian Church at 300 East 8th Street. For more information call 908-769-5292.

PLAINFIELD — Sister Mary Eileen Smith will address "What is Spiritual Direction?" at 4 p.m. in St. Mary's Rectory Meeting Room at St. Mary's Church. For more information call 908-755-0085.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

PLAINFIELD — Father Paul Shetelack will address, "The God Within Us," at 4 p.m. in St. Mary's Rectory Meeting Room at St. Mary's Church. For more information call 908-755-0085.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

PLAINFIELD — Families Trust in God, Inc., will have a planning session, another one on April 14, and a family night on April 22. Meetings take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information call 908-688-1102.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

DUNELLEN — The Dunellen United Methodist Church will host its 8th annual Arts and Crafts Show. Artists and crafters are invited to participate. For more information call 908-755-6285 or 908-752-2059.

ENGLEWOOD — The Willing Workers Club of Bethany Presbyterian Church will have their Palm Sunday breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Perren Hall, 82 Palisade Avenue. For more information call 201-567-4132.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

PLAINFIELD — Crescent Avenue Church will be hosting their annual Good Friday Concert at 6:15 p.m. at the church located at 716 Watchung Avenue. They are welcoming area singers to participate. For more information call 908-755-2488.

Orange Hosts Urban Education Think Tank

Photos by Emile Dillon, Jr.



(l to r) Dr. Williams Smalle Jr., Dr. Jim Baines, Dr. Clement Price take part in the workshop: Higher Education-Secondary Education-Elementary Education-Collaboration for Survival.

ORANGE — Despite the bitter cold, a group of educational leaders and experts from local, county, state and national levels came together to discuss, analyze, and seek solutions to the problems facing our urban schools. The forum was a workshop entitled Urban Education: Prescription For Change sponsored by the City of Orange Township Department of Cultural Affairs and The William Paterson College Minority Affairs Committee. The seminar was held at Orange Middle School on Saturday, February 29. The essence of the seminar was crystallized in the opening statements of Mayor Robert L. Brown of Orange.

"This program today is not about egos, it's about challenges. This program today is not about personalities it's about our most precious gift our children. It is hoped that the results of today's program will act as a catalyst for concrete solutions," said Mayor Brown.

The experts that you see here today are here today because they clearly realize that we can no longer wait for someone else to meet our challenges. Our keynote speaker is a clear example of one who does not wait for others to do what must be done — but throughout his professional career has fought to make a

difference in the area of urban education," the Mayor stated in his introduction of Congressman Donald Payne of the Tenth Congressional District of New Jersey.

Congressman Payne who serves on four major congressional com-

mittees, one of which is the Education and Labor committee, not only outlined in detail the many obstacles facing students in inner-city classrooms but gave his prescription for change.

"We need to rebuild the whole



(l to r) Clarice Jackson, receives an award from Orange Mayor Robert Brown for her work as a community leader.

economic and social structures of our urban centers to give children the basics that help them succeed — decent ones and neighborhoods, good nutrition and health care a decent family income so that wage earners can make enough money in their jobs to support their families," commented Congressman Payne.

"We must give at-risk children the attention they need as early in their lives as possible to help them overcome inherent disadvantages. Corporate America is beginning to recognize that they have a stake in the education of our children, because companies will be looking to these youngsters one day to fill positions in a work force that is increasingly made up of minorities," he further stated.

In closing he stated, "we need support at all levels to be successful in the monumental task of overcoming our urban education system. We need leadership from the White House, from Congress, from State and Local officials, businesses, teachers, parents and members of the local community. This is not an issue which affects only poor neighborhoods. It affects the entire structure of the American economy with the changes which have occurred around the globe, business competition in the international marketplace continues to intensify. To remain competitive the United States needs the talent and contributions of every citizen. We simply cannot succeed if we continue to 'write off' a whole segment of our society who are uneducated, illiterate, or warehouse in prison."

Congressman Payne and Mayor Brown commended the audience for their interest in improving the quality of education for our urban youth and expressed interest in working with them on educational initiatives.

According to Co-Chair Clarice Jackson, Assistant General Counsel Woolworth Corporation and long time resident of Orange, the information, suggestions, and concerns generated from the seminar will be presented at a date in the near future to the public.

The workshops were:
I. Urban Education-Administra-

tive Failure or Challenge? Moderator-Leslie Agard-Jones Director Office of Minority Affairs William Patterson College panelists: Dr. Judy Wilcox Assistant Superintendent Jersey City Public Schools, Dr.



Narelle Rivers, president of Latino Unidos Del 2000, receives recognition of their success in such a short time.

Henry Pruitt Principal Jane Dismus Middle School Englewood New Jersey, Sandra Thomas Assistant Superintendent Roselle Public Schools, Maxine Pijaux Superintendent Orange Public Schools, Maxine Johnson Principal Park Avenue School Orange New Jersey, Dr. Jerome Harris Former President National Alliance of Black School Educators.

II. The Psychological Impact of Negative Environmental Factors on Learning

Moderator-Alfred Jackson Director-Employment Development & Counseling National Broadcasting Co. panelists: Dr. Evelyn Darnell psychologist New York University, Dr. William Powell psychologist, Gloria Taylor Principal Orange Middle School Former Head of Child Study Team for the University of Medicine and Dentistry.

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Malcolm and Martin

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between the methodology and ideology of the two men. "What Malcolm stood for was revolution. Martin stood for reform. The difference is in the class stance."

Both leaders died while attempting to change and build a united front against racism and capitalism, he further maintained.

During the question and answer portion of the forum several questions were directed to Baraka concerning his criticism about filmmaker Spike Lee's upcoming movie on Malcolm. In response, Baraka remarked that based on other movies made by Lee, he hoped that the portrayal will not be a titillation of

his (Malcolm's) life otherwise he, (Lee), would be considered a traitor.

The final question, that seemed to crystallize the theme of the forum was, "What do you (panelists) charge young people today who are interested in the community and change?"

Baraka reminded the audience that both Malcolm and Martin had movements in which the youth were involved. According to Baraka, the frontline today is education. He encouraged youth to pursue education as an occupational field, "Go into the schools and fight as if you were in a revolution."

As I See It...

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sion politics was the frontrunners consisting of a white, Puerto Rican, and black candidate. The black candidate is Assemblyman Joe Charles. But black Jersey City finds itself confronted with a real challenge from the Hispanic community and a fiery Councilman who has longevity on the Council and longer long range plans to raise the status of Puerto Ricans in Hudson County and particularly in Jersey City and Bayonne.

East Orange Mayor Cooper's

secret weapon is surely his wife, Sandy. Articulate, attractive, and personable Sandy spoke for the Mayor and City of East Orange at a library program recently and she was on the money as a speechmaker, one of the few we've enjoyed just for the sake of listening in recent weeks.

Dan Blake, the former director of the Newark Housing Authority is determined not to let the hometown folks forget him.

Last week he returned (in triumph) to Newark to attend a housing convention and he came in like a conquering hero — hardly the way he left to take a job with the Chicago Authority months ago.

And now it can be told. Yes, several staffers have joined their boss in Chicago. They include his chief of staff, Ben Bell, Joyce Morgan (who we thought would never leave Newark), Beverly Calland and a dynamic grants writer. Other members of Blue's Newark "team," Ben Quattlebaum, has transferred to Philadelphia and Valida Fuller-Alvin, director of Public Relations, is the only Blue advocate remaining with the Newark housing Authority.

Received news of the death of Mrs. Rita Norris West, wife of former Newark Councilman Calvin West as we went to press.

Information of funeral arrangements was not available at the time but the popularity of the

West couple brought a flood of condolences to Calvin, now an aide to Newark Mayor Sharpe James and his sister, Essex County Register Larrie West Saults.

Rita was a known community figure and political activist in her own right, a long time City Hall employee under the administrations of mayors Hugh J. Adonizio and Ken Gibson.

She has a short illness and was hospitalized prior to her passing. Her sudden sent a mild shock wave through the community she served so long and loyally.

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CITY LIFE

Behind-the-Scenes

by Lisa Collins

CULVER CITY, CA—It's another big year for black filmmakers with the impending release of over a dozen films from black filmmakers and or featuring top name black stars. Eddie Murphy is slated for two, including "Boomerang" with Robin Givens and Grace Jones (the Hudlin Brothers produce), and "Distinguished Gentleman" from Disney. Lon Gossett also stars in two films set for release this year, including "Aces: Iron Eagle III." Danny Glover hits the screen in "Lethal Weapon 3." Ice Cube and Ice-T team up in "The Lovers," and Whitney Houston will make her onscreen debut (opposite Kevin Costner) in "The Bodyguard." Sidney Poitier returns to the screen this fall in "Snakers," and black musician Idris Elba stars in the "White Men Can't Jump," due this month. "In Living Color" Damon Wayans makes his filmmaking debut with "Mo'Nasty" this summer. He also stars. Director Bill Duke's latest, "Deep Cover," makes its way to the big screen this spring, with Larry Fishburne in the lead. Among other films due out this spring is "A Class Act," starring Kid N' Play, along with "Fresh Prince." Costar Karyn Parsons. Films due later this year include Kevin Hooks' "Passenger 57" and Spike Lee's "Malcolm X." Slated for release

sometime during the holidays, Lee's film is by far the most anticipated. Not To Be Outdone: Sooms-Eazy-E (founder of the controversial rap group N.W.A.) is determined not to be outdone by former friend-turned-rival, Ice Cube, and has thrown his hat onto the filmmaking scene. He's presently rounding up finances for a film he wrote and plans to star in. He says the film, a bloody revenge tale set in South Central Los Angeles, will make "Boyz n' the Hood" look like an after-school special. Of course, fellow N.W.A. members Dr. Dre, Yella and Ren will be featured.

Those famous Jackson siblings (Janet and Michael) are famed for breeding and/or setting records. The latest is the whopping \$3 million Janet Jackson will give Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis to produce and co-write her first Virgin album. The sum is reported to be three times the previous high paid to a producer. It is the third album Jackson has done with the award-winning producing duo. She begins work in April. Virgin hopes to ship the record by Christmas. Meanwhile, LaToya Jackson has signed to a one-year singing gig at Paris' famed Moulton Rouge.

Sony Music just won't be the same without Luther Vandross. Perhaps that's why they're fighting to hard to keep him. But Luther wants out, and the two parties are now trading punches in court. The first

blow came when Vandross filed a motion in LA Superior Court stating that he was no longer bound to his 1981 contract under a California Labor Code section limiting personal service contracts to seven years. Sony counters, citing Vandross' "ongoing and exclusive obligation to deliver to Sony up to six additional albums" under a 1986 agreement. Sony also says Vandross owes them more than \$1.5 million plus interest for two loans in the late 80's. What's more, Sony is seeking \$100 million in lost revenues for the six (undelivered) albums, and to prevent Vandross from signing with another label. Ironically, Vandross is leaving Sony not so much for more money, but exposure. Thus far, his successes have been limited to the realm of R&B.

On the home front: The five bedroom, 5,000 square foot beachfront home owned by Miles Davis has been put on the market for \$2.65... And let me set the record straight on that rap tragedy at City College. Michael Warren who represents Puff Daddy (one of the promoters), tells me that insurance has been waived by the university, and contrary to earlier reports, the event was never oversold. By the way: Louis Gossett Jr. is currently reeking through Ethiopia in an attempt to focus world attention on the plight of the Borana nomads, an ancient tribe of cattle herders facing starvation...

Image of women in rap

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overtones. How much sexism and exploitation can a people take before they self-destruct?

This is not to say that there are no positive signs on the horizon because there are. Queen Latifah, Monie Love, Sister Souljah, Salt-N-Pepa and Yo Yo have provided some positive images but too many times their impact is diluted because of their close association with gangster and booty rappers. Case in point: Naughty By Nature's "O.P.F." highlighting celebrates the joy of sexual immorality. For this they are getting paid in a large way, with their debut album, an obviously winning combination of hard core lyrics and funky beats. They were introduced to the rap music bying public by Queen Latifah. They are also the writers and producers of "Latifah's Had It

Up 2 Here," Latifah's biggest hit. Male domination of rap music has added insult to injury to the point where the only hope for improving the image of women in rap has to be the women themselves. Will fresh females like Nefertiti, Nikki Kiki, MC Essence and The Poetess make a difference? Only if their minds have not been poisoned by the current rap music scene. If their minds are dead they will come out like BWP (Byches With Problems) or HWA (Hoes With Attitudes) and add to the garbage that is beginning to stink.

But if their minds are fresh and free they will work the groove like the queens they can be and a breath of fresh air into the musty tomb of destructive rap styles.

BILLBOARD

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

UNION — Kean College will present a concert entitled, "Wavory Consent," at the Wilkins Theatre at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12; \$8 for senior citizens. For more info, call 527-2337.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

HADISON — The Printing Council of New Jersey will present, "Collectors Event II," at the Schering Plough corporate headquarters from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., featuring original prints of the members of the Printmaking Council. For more info, call 908-725-2110.

WESTBURY — The Stylistics, Blue Magic, and the Dramatics will perform at the Westbury Music Fair at 8 p.m. For further information call 516-334-0899.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

NEW BRUNSWICK — "The Wavory Consent," will be presented at the Wilkins Theatre at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12; \$8 for senior citizens. For more info, call 527-2337.

UNION — The New Jersey Ballet Company will perform at the Wilkins Theatre at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12; \$8 for senior citizens. For more info, call 527-2337.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

PLAINFIELD — Friends of the Plainfield Public Library will present Impressions of Ireland, photographs by Jean Mattoni. Celtic Songs by Ann MacLennan. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

EAST ORANGE — OnStage in New Jersey will present Maya Angelou, "Sis, Sade and the Famous Bibles," at East Orange High School. For more info, call 201-242-8110.

WESTBURY — Gladys Knight will perform at the Westbury Music Fair at 8 p.m. For further information call 201-334-0899.

UNION — "The Adventure of Peter Rabbit," will be performed at the Wilkins Theatre at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12; \$8 for senior citizens. For more info, call 527-2337.

SUMMIT — Calvary Church's Calvary Chorale will host, "Mass in B Major," at 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. For more info, call 201-271-1547.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

NEWARK — OnStage in New Jersey will present, "Lady Soul: Cabaret Tribute to Aretha Franklin," at Newark Symphony Hall's Terrace Ballroom through March 29. For more info, call 201-242-8110.

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More taxpayers' money expended

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neck, subsequently killing him." The suit states that the City knew of the inexperience of the officer and due to the amounts of complaints against the police force, (28 complaints filed between the years of 1984-1989, in which several officers are mentioned more than once) that they should have had each and every officer trained regarding the inappropriate use of deadly force. It also states that personnel were neither trained nor instructed on when to refrain from the use of a firearm in its cocked position.

A Grand Jury did not indict Egbert, who had a criminal complaint filed against him in January of 1989 for an alleged assault of a citizen. The body decided that he did not violate any criminal statutes, however the Grand Jury did advise the county to revise the firearms policy in regard to police personnel placing their weapons in the cocked position.

At the Council work session on March 9, several council members, were under the impression that legal fees for police personnel were usually about \$400, but Corporation Counsel Rowland Clark stated that because the case was filed in federal court as well as municipal court, the larger fee was the cost.

Adal's photography on exhibit at Crossroads

NEW BRUNSWICK — The first New Jersey exhibition of photography by the New York artist-photographer Adal will be displayed at Crossroads Theatre Company at 7 Livingston Avenue during the run of "The Love Space Demands" through March 29.

The exhibit, entitled, "I Was a Schizophrenic Mambo Dancer for the F.B.I.," features works in self-portraiture that originally were shown at the Foto Gallery in New York earlier this year. They are on display in the third-floor gallery at Crossroads. The exhibit is open to the public for one hour before as well as during and after performances of "The Love Space Demands," which begin at 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, and 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

As photographic environmental designer for "The Love Space Demands," Adal has created a series of black-and-white images that become part of the performance collage comprising Niozake

Shange's poetry, William "Space-man" Patterson's music and Mickey Davidson's choreography.

Adal Alberto Maldonado, known professionally as Adal, began his professional career in 1974, co-founding Foto Gallery in New York's Soho district and releasing his first book, "The Evidence of Things Not Seen." The book was a collection of photographic collages in which Adal investigated the workings of his subconscious mind with metaphorical self-portraits. With suggestive publications, Adal automatically changed his approach.

Subsequently, he published the photo novel, "Falling Eyeballs," and the documentary work, "Portraits of the Puerto Rican Experience," with portraits and profiles of 100 leading Puerto Ricans. The latter is used in the social studies curriculum in the New York Public School System.

In 1985, Adal returned to Puerto Rico where he began the new series, "Mango Mambo," an exploration of "salsa" as an explosion of Afro-

Caribbean genius. His 1987 book, "Mango Mambo," is a glimpse of the artist's life as he creates "salsa" and the marketing machinery that intervenes in their lives.

In "I Was a Schizophrenic Mambo Dancer for the F.B.I.," Adal returns to a more subjective approach to photography that depicts a new inner landscape of experience. The exhibit includes photographs that are part of the photographic environmental design of "The Love Space Demands."

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CITY BUSINESS

Business Exchange... From poverty to riches

by William Reed

MIAMI, FL (NNPA) — The Son of God does live television shows from a South Florida jail cell. The Son of God is a frequent guest on America's black radio talk shows and even has his own nationally distributed cable TV show. Although he has been imprisoned for more than 15 months Yahweh Ben Yahweh which in Hebrew means, God the Son of God has become a major media attraction in black media, but is depicted as a madman and murderer in the general community and its mainstream press.

Like Marcus Garvey, Louis Farrakhan, Adam Clayton Powell, and Daddy Grace, Yahweh Ben Yahweh has been sought out and championed in the black community and its press but has been con-

tinually vilified and held in disdain by the white-owned media. The "major" newspapers across America, like the Washington Post, New York Times, Atlanta Constitution, and others of that ilk, have hung Yahweh Ben Yahweh on the European cross and have names for him such as cult leader, charlatan and conjurer. The reason that the Black Hebrew Israelite leader is held in high esteem among blacks is not as much for his creed as his deeds in moving a large segment of our community from establishment-ignorance poverty to real and tangible riches.

In less than 12 years, Yahweh Ben Yahweh took his religious following from negative self-perceptions and net worth to a real estate and business empire with assets worth more than \$200 million. Teaching a brand of conservative

and collective capitalism Yahweh Ben Yahweh led the Nation of Yahweh to ownership of vast properties and enterprises in what had been forsaken inner-city areas in Miami, Boston, New Orleans, Houston and Los Angeles. Like America's "other Jews" have done for decades, the Yahwehs have been successful in acquiring pieces of the American Dream that included shopping centers, grocery stores, restaurants, hotels, motels, publishing houses, transportation fleets, and even a private university and huge headquarters complex. Like Garvey in the 1920s with his United Negro Improvement Association Yahweh Ben Yahweh is the first black leader of recent times to lead blacks to substantial wealth accumulation and holdings within their own communities. Instead of lauding him and the Nation of Yahweh for their great

success in "lifting themselves up by their own bootstraps" the Establishment elected to bring him and his entire organization, under criminal indictment for running a "so-called" racketeering enterprise. Like Garvey and the trials of his life, the government has used people from his own race to pursue and prosecute Yahweh Ben Yahweh for his imperfections.

With better access to modern communications facilities than Garvey had, Yahweh Ben Yahweh has taken his case to the people. Under the theme of "If it can happen to me it can happen to you too," the Nation's People for Truth outreach organization has sought to show Black America how the government can pursue those who are different in race and religion. From Black Entertainment Television to black radio talk show hosts across the country, the strange case of the Yahwehs has been brought to the forefront as a major racial and religious issue.

In spiritual and ethnic brotherhood with the famed Malcolm X, Yahweh Ben Yahweh gained his base of understanding of self-help and nationalism from the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

The Yahwehs' movement from rags to riches is based on their conservative canons and utilization of the contemporary concept, "It is in order for a man to eat his meat first work." In spite of the white press' claim of their being "black separatists," the content of Yahweh Ben Yahweh's media messages has been that, "all Americans should develop ideas and concepts of self-sufficiency, ownership of private property, and proper business ethics." Whether he has direct lineage to divinity or not, at this time in the black evolution is secondary to the fact that this modern Midas' economic message is perfect for the times.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

MALVERN, PA. — Clean Room Basics is the topic of an all day workshop to be presented at the Fairmount, 12 Grand Valley Parkway. Discussion will include clean room construction, control, and sanitation, and humans as a contamination source, among others. The workshop will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call 610-665-8877.

PASSICAPPA — The Women in Management series will be held at BASF Corporation, 1000 Chary Hill Road from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 908-765-9585.

RAHWAY — New Directions in Careers, sponsored by the New Jersey Business/Industry-School Consortium, will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Merck & Co. For more information call 908-681-5445.

ROCHESTER PARK — "How to Use International Communications Services to Access New International Markets and Increase Profits and Market Share" will be the topic of the International Trade Round Table Luncheon Meeting from noon to 2 p.m. at the Ramada Hotel. Featured speaker will be David Turner, international marketing manager at AT&T. For more information call Adriana Evans-Zapata at 201-447-7975.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

CAMDEN — Financing Options for Small Businesses will be discussed from 7:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at the Harbor Landing Club. Those attending will learn some inside angles on financing businesses in the 1990s. For more information call 609-635-8877.

BEDMINSTER — "Pricing for Value" will be the focus of the roundtable discussion hosted by the Somerset Chamber of Commerce. It will take place at Willa's Taverna, Rt. 202 North. For more information call 908-725-1522.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

NEWARK — The Council of Small Business Enterprises will hold a meeting on "Making the Rounds," from 3 to 7 p.m. at Antiques-Batch, Inc., Hospitality Room, 2nd Floor, 300 Park 11. For more information call 201-CHAMBER.

UNION — New Strategies for Finding Jobs will be held at Kees College from 6:30 to 8:30. For more information call 908-627-2210.

PRINCETON — The 1992 Annual State Planning Conference will be held at the Center for Health Affairs focusing on the theme, "Back to Planning Basics." For more information call 201-378-1100.

EDISON — The Women in Management Series will be held at Sea-Land Service, Inc., 370 Throntal Street from 5:30 p.m. For more information call Janet Kania at 908-765-3088.

SCOTCH PLAINS — UPS Consulting Co., Inc. will present a free two-hour course entitled "Computers and Software for Your Business," at the Scotch Plains Public Library on Battle Street. For more information call 908-689-8500.

WESTFIELD — "Business After Hours," a networking dinner, will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Wyckoff, located at 992 South Avenue. For more information contact the Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce, 111 East First Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

SOMERVILLE — The Somerset Chamber of Commerce will host a "Let's Get Acquainted" orientation session from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Chamber located at 64 West 4th Avenue. For more information call 908-725-1522.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

NEWARK — Essex County College and the Metro Newark Chamber of Commerce will offer "Establishing an Import/Export Business" course. The focus of this course is how to get started and how to source products. Also, courses run Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. through April 22. For more information call Essex County College's On Campus Continuing Education 201-877-5435 or Metro Newark Chamber of Commerce 201-242-6227.

UNION — Alternatives to Corporate Life will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Kees College. For more information call 908-627-2210.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

WESTFIELD — A free seminar on Professional Investment Management at Merrill Lynch located at 195 Elm Street, 11:30 a.m. For more information call 908-789-4355.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

WEST WINDSOR — "Starting a Computer-Based Business" will be the class given from 7 to 10 p.m. at Mercer County Community College. For more information call 609-686-3446.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

PARAMUS — Bergen Community College will host "Windows 3.0...What's It Really All About," from 7 to 10 p.m. in Room S117. It will be held again on April 8. For more information call 201-447-7481.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Association will host a day of the seminar on Law & Disability Issues at the New Jersey Law Center, One Constitution Square. For more information call 1-800-FREE-LAW.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

NEWARK — Essex County College and the Metro Newark Chamber of Commerce will offer "Understanding Import/Export Documentation," from the preliminary stages of preparing pro forms and resolving questions through the time when goods are shipped to the point where they make entry through Customs. The course will also examine temporary importation procedures, drawback, commodity classifications, and export licenses. Sessions run Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. through May 1. For further information call Essex County College's On Campus Continuing Education 201-877-5435 or Metro Newark Chamber of Commerce 201-242-6227.

Urban Education Think Tank



Dr. De Costa of the Newark office of Lattin United Press holds forth at a morning solo at Orange Middle School.

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ary Education-Elementary Education-Collaboration For Survival Moderator-Neville Gittens Director FOF Bloomfield College panelists: Dr. William Small Jr., Former Dean of School of Social Work

Business Expo '92

PERTH AMBOY — On Saturday, March 21, the Second Baptist Church Family Life Enrichment Center will be the site of "Business Expo '92 — Business and You."

The public is welcome to an open forum from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. featuring a bazaar/exposition. The church is located at 272 Madison Avenue. For more information call 908-826-5293 or 908-442-9496.

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William Patterson College, Dr. Jim Baines Professor Urban Education William Patterson College, Dr. Clement Price Director African American Studies Department Rutgers University

IV. The Arts As A Medium For Change In An Urban Education Environment Moderator-Barbara Reilly Former Councilwoman

Monclair, New Jersey Lecturer panelists: Betty Neals Head of Drama Department Hart Middle School, Dr. De Costa Dawson Music Teacher Composer Director, Don Miller Artist Lecturer Art Historian

V. Community-Motivating the Community As a Change Agent Moderator-Alice Dunston President Board of Education Orange, New Jersey panelist: Reverend Reginald Jackson-Member of Board of Education Orange New Jersey, Mims Hackett Councilman City of Orange, William Holt Director Technical Training Project, Dr. Judy Miller Former Professor Seton Hall University State Director of Cities in Schools, Sabarah Sabrin Assistant Director Ready Foundation Newark Former Executive Director Martin Luther King Foundation

Many participants seemed to go away with the feeling that this is just a beginning, according to Co-chair Ellsworth Morgan.

The entire seminar was taped by the education Channel 34 for future reflection and use by students, parent groups, and professional educational staff at some future date. Interested parties may contact the Office of Cultural Affairs 201-266-4002.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Bugs Bunny Chewable Vitamins Tablets, 60 ct. box \$6.19	<input type="checkbox"/> Bugs Bunny Plus Iron Vitamins Chewable Tablets, 60 ct. box \$6.89	<input type="checkbox"/> Bugs Bunny Complete Vitamins, Chewable Tablets, 60 ct. box \$8.39	<input type="checkbox"/> Bugs Bunny w/Extra C Vitamins, Chewable Tablets, 60 ct. box \$7.49	<input type="checkbox"/> Flintstones Complete Vitamins Chewable Tablets, 60 ct. box \$8.49	<input type="checkbox"/> Flintstones Chewable Vitamins Tablets, 100 ct. box \$7.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Flintstones Plus Extra C Chewable Vitamins, 60 ct. box \$7.49	<input type="checkbox"/> Flintstones Plus Extra C Chewable Vitamin Tablets, 100 ct. box \$9.89	<input type="checkbox"/> Flintstones Vitamins Plus Iron Chewable Tablets, 100 ct. box \$8.69
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<input type="checkbox"/> One A Day Essential Tablets 100 ct. box \$7.29	<input type="checkbox"/> One A Day Maximum Formula Vitamin, Tablets, 60 ct. box \$8.19	<input type="checkbox"/> One A Day Tablets Maximum Formula, 100 ct. box \$9.99	<input type="checkbox"/> One A Day Within Tablets 60 ct. box \$6.49	<input type="checkbox"/> One A Day Within Tablets 100 ct. box \$8.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Clairel Frost & Tip Original or Permuted, One Application \$12.59	<input type="checkbox"/> Clairel Quiet Touch Permanently Styling Application \$10.69	<input type="checkbox"/> Bausch & Lomb ReNu After-Contact Enzymatic Cleaner, box of 20 tablets \$8.79	<input type="checkbox"/> Rave Hair Spray All-in-One, Aerosol or Non-Aerosol, 7 oz. cont. \$1.99
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<input type="checkbox"/> Jergens EverSoft Lotion 6 oz. cont. \$3.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Eveready Energizer AA Batteries, pkg. of 8 \$7.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Energizer C or D Batteries Eveready, pkg. of 4 \$5.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Eveready Energizer Batteries C or D, pkg. of 8 \$7.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Eveready Energizer 9-Volt Batteries, pkg. of 2 \$5.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Dutch Treats Menthol, Sweet, Pipe Aroma, box of 20 \$1.06	<input type="checkbox"/> El Pro Little Cigars Mild, box of 20 99¢	<input type="checkbox"/> Muriel Sweet Little Cigars box of 20 \$1.06	<input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Aid Batteries Duracell, Zinc Air, DART, DART, DARTS, pkg. of 3 \$4.59
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